comet," wifie said stonily in answer to Wedd's remark that she ought not to lose

There was something of a blank in

Finally Wedd had an inspiration

"Locate Venus!" wifle repeats after him

"Yep. Venus. Cen't miss her."

startled at length by the cold, cruel jab

ble doubt in regard to the genuin

## HORRORS IN COMET'S WAKE "I couldn't wait to hear about the

OF EVENING PARTIES. her beauty sleep. His syllables were a trifle inarticulate, but there was no possi-

of his anxiety and surprise. There's the Case of Mr. Wedd, Who Located ne Flying Star With the Help of Wedd's mind as to what happened after enus-Pity the Young Man Whose he left the restaurant until the cool air of limid Companion Had Lost Her Key. the suburban ride had cleared his brain.

Var cannot convince Mrs. N. Wedd of He supposed he must have seen the Mount Vernon that no disaster followed comet and in the moving picture of his n me wake of the comet. For the first mind he tried to formulate a description. time since they had settled down to su- Mrs. Wedd waited. turned serenity Mr. Wedd mentioned, avkwardly it must be admitted. Guessed there was something after all a not until late at night would be return in reading the morning paper on the wife. Naturally it was an occa- train to business. He remembered perthat suggested further explanation feetly an astronomer's recipe, and throw-Mr. Wedd went into intimate details, ing his chest back in the joy of the reto she knew he had cut out stag parties membrance he ejaculated: "All that not but this was a special occasion and rot about its being difficult to find the Phillips, the host, was going to have in comet emanates from the brain of some he bunch a man who could be of some poor, miserable cynic. All you've got ssistance in a new business deal. Phillips to do is to locate Venus, and the rest is called it a comet party-as for him he easy." wasn't at all interested in comets, in fact freaks of any kind, and if he could in a tone that ought to have been a warnbreak away she might be pretty sure he ing, but Wedd, blinded by his own cuteness, did not notice the chasm yawning

The long arm of coincidence stretched at his feet. and waved before the imagination of Mrs N. Wedd's neighbor, a certain viva- "Venue!" again repeated wife, and widow who telephoned after Mr. Wadd's departure that she was getting of the stiletio words Wedd stopped. up a party, and never mind if husband was



THE TALE OF THE COMET.

of a Broadway restaurant Mrs. W. saw that the return will be in less than the husband sitting alongside of a handsome seventy-five years noted. and the other his sister and that she wake guessed she wouldn't interrupt them, for Mis got home to tell him she had seen him.

of the party and the quick change of with something a little more substantial subject she judged that she had not resulted in just about a cunning little shown a grand slam hand, but she made corner being built by the united efforts up for her humiliation when in the early of three elevator boys and five waiters hours—a couple of hours after her own on the roof, with some rubber plants, return—Wedd stumbled in.

have to spend the evening alone. Mr. ent indications that she will, and he is Wedd needn't think he had a monopoly realously studying astronomical charts to see if it isn't possible that the predic-Naturally when from a secluded corner tions and calcualtions may be wrong and

Wedd's attention was Mr. Phillips's wife there certainly is something baleful in its

Miss Vere de Vere Jones, as you know lid be such a good joke when Wedd has the staff of the Woolly Dog Apartment Hotel right at her beck and call. From the polite inattention of the rest and the result of a smile emphasized



scarlet cushions and a Navajo rug.

the rest of the way.

explained that so far as her personal Summer Night, and when the deep happiness was concerned that she could breathing of Broker Friend assured her perate measures and find out the reason was the deep hush of perfect attention. for an attitude of attention, without apheld for several months now. She one, she made a detour from the relation had conceived the idea of this original of facts to the open field of thoughts, ascomet all together such a quartet of catching her tears in her real lace handsuperiority ought to achieve certain kerchief desired results.

the screen and devoted herself to making a loud, staccate snore.

the possibility of the comet's appearance Miss Vere de Vere Jones went to the was based, according to the latest statetheatre comet night and after that she ment of John, the elevator man, who had and a broker (not broken) friend, had a been carrying parties to the roof for a little supper. They lingered long over it week past. In fact she disarmed suspicand later, although it was but a few steps, ion entirely by quite a learned disquisitook a taxicab, returned to the Woolly tion on the habits of comets as she knew Dog and by easy stages mounted as far them, and having made some Turkish as the elevator would go and then climbed coffee by means of a hammered brass equipment which she was going to give Miss Vere de Vere Jones is one of those as a wedding present to a chorus friend naive persons who admit their failings the next week, she sang a few songs, rein a perfectly disarming manner. She cited two stanzas from 'Stars of the stagger through eternity without ever of his interest, began in a shaky voice catching a glimpse of Halley's comet, to tell him of her lonely life. Not a but the time had come to take some dessignation but the time had come to take some dessignation. There shirt fronts and new dress suits. He cast parent intention, that broker friend had even dreamed she could inflict upon any

Deftly she arranged the cushions and came immediately. It took the form of with the outer world but which contained

time to get his tub and breakfast.

lives in Harlem, considered the ques-tion carefully and finally determined that his new spick and span dress clothes were none too good to don for Niss Neilie Charmer's comet party, and although he had never quite dared spring his plaited shirt on his Harlem friends, he saw no reason why its magnificence should not lighten this occasion

The party met at Miss Charmer's house in the neighborhood of Columbia College and then walked over after a delightful supper to Morningside Park and; in order to keep warm, they had a dance which gave Mr. Osteopath such an opportunity to exhibit his pleats, his unworn dress suit and his agility, that Miss Charmer showed

him marked attention When, wearied by the good time and the unauccessful search, the signal for departure was given, Miss Charmer intimated to Mr. Osteopath in the wordless way that renders mere verbal requests quite crude that if he liked he might escort her home and, separating from their companions, they mounted the many steps of the Park and turned toward

As they neared the mansion Nellie said faintly that she hoped she would be able to get in without waking her paternal relative, as sho had, by the connivance of her mother, arranged the chafing dish supper and the subsequent flitting to take place before her father's return from the club, as he was very old fashioned in his ideas and believed that the rules regarding hours should be kept for his daughter just as they were for his mother and sister when he was young. Of course the comet might throw a new light on the situation, but she believed a quiet sneak would be much more afficacion

It was at that crucial second that Nellie discovered she had forgotten her key and exclaimed in a frightened tone at the loss, Little she cared at that moment for pleated a look of hate toward that section of the sky where the comet was supposed to be sleeping behind a bank of clouds and said "Certainly not" when Nellie demanded to know if he would mind lifting the top of tête-à-tête, believing that if she once had piratione and fears, and overcome by her the time, the place, the loved one and the own eloquence she sobbed once or twice, could by lighting a match very softly reach a small back stairway which led Finally she waited and the response to a room locked from all communication the dumbwaiter. Crawling into that he

Finally the chill of early dawn began to the left, opening and closing four doors, is a bank teller, a man of methodical

remaily the child of early dawn logan to congeal the marrow in her bones. The grim reach the vestibule outside, where she grayness of a coming day, fraught with more lonely hours, made her weep anew, weep to the accompaniment of more snores. She shook the shoulder on which the coal bin, minus its usual complement of fuel but retaining traces if its winter's a young lady companion for the daytime. she wept, but she might as well have use, and waited several seconds to regain hours and takes her about bimself in the shaken the parapet around the roof of his physical and mental equilibrium he evening. Aunt, who is a pretty strict the Woolly Dog. Finally she could stand realized that there were drawbacks in person when in her native town, really the cold no longer, and careless of life to everything. He proceeded to fel-enjoys the little behavian excursions that appearances, crept down the stairway, still alone, and sought her apartment, whispering to John, the Cerberus
of a creaking rope he considered that his
definess and quiet could possibly have
of the lift, that it would probably he
been equalled by Nellie herself but cerworth something to him to see that the tainly not surpassed. By the flicker of and there he escorted auntie at the uncomet gazer reached his apartment in the dying match he caught glimpses of precedented hour of 1:30 on comet night. his pleated shirt front covered with grime, It was a corner table and auntie enjoyed It is difficult to know what to wear his dress clothes with a long slit from immensely her view of the sky line, which to a comet party. Mr. Osteopath, who knee to ankle and noted the loss of his seemed to her perturbed fancy already to show signs of coming change. How



THE LONE STAR AND THE BROKER.

He thought for a moment that the fall ever as long as nephew was there sh Broker Friend comfortable. She had located the exact spot in the heavens where Jones waited and then she waited anew. In a subdued person, Miss Vere de Vere could hoist himself to the parier floor, and into that coal bin and the subsequent knew it was all right, and when he left onted the exact spot in the heavens where Jones waited and then she waited anew. In a subdued person, Miss Vere de Vere could hoist himself to the parier floor, and into that coal bin and the subsequent knew it was all right, and when he left on the dumbwaiter were the most her for a moment to go and talephone unpleasant experiences of his life. Only a man downstairs she was uncon for a moment, however. Then he real- She had learned to lean upon him strang for a moment, however. Then he realized that there are always lower depths, an aphorism that came into being at the sight of father's face, which met him on his exit with a strangely inquiring look. Beside his face father carried a loaded pistol, and negligently cocking it he demanded that his 5 o'clock in the morning visitor should surrender hims. If the strangely is the demanded that his 5 o'clock in the morning visitor should surrender hims. If the strangely is the demanded that his 5 o'clock in the morning visitor should surrender hims. If the strangely is the demanded that his 5 o'clock in the morning visitor should surrender hims. If the strangely is the demanded that his 5 o'clock in the morning visitor should surrender hims. If the strangely is the demanded that his 5 o'clock in the morning visitor should surrender hims. If the strangely is the strangely is the strangely in the strangely is the strangely in the strangely in the strangely is the strangely in the strangely is she thought to herself; such a good young man, so thoughtful of his old auntitive comforts. She got tangeled up in a perfect man, so thoughtful of his old auntitive comforts. She got tangeled up in a perfect man of strangely in the s

the next day from Nellie, which did not to see the clock and horrocatruck at ence outside, a confession that had re-sulted in a week's incarceration and a habit of such late hours. He went r summer programme that took in only a to bed and before you could say Je visit to a deaf aunt in a far off New England town, his Sir Philip Sidney act had not | wakened by the ring of the been duly appreciated. Speaking again and when he tumbled out to answ of the comet Osteopath admits that if was interrogated blandly as to wh he is alive on its reappearance he shall he recognized the voice. He cos not take an airship so as to get a glimpse for the life of him in that semi-or

There's that affair of Mudie's, Mudie all to Halley,

and disgorge whatever valuables he and exchanged a few remarks with an had. Judging from the note he received acquaintance, met by chance, happened enclose the lost silk hat or any reference lateness of the hour, forgetting all about to it but did contain upbraidings for his rendezvous with aunt, hurried house his unchivalrous confession of her pres- saying over and over to himself that I state remember, although he said th there is no end of incidents proving. between sunt and nephew that the if proof is necessary, that it will take a ject of the comes shall not be mentigood long time for the social system to between them, but he suspects that a reguin its poise.

MERELY FOR BEING INTERESTED IN STREET FAKERS TOYS.

The young man did not would not work.

blonds, with Phillips doing his level best Miss Vere de Vere Jones, who lives to entertain one of the same sort, she in one of the apartment houses which found it a little difficult all at once to line the West Forties, has her own opinion explain to the astonished looks of her of the comet, and if you run across her e of Mr. you are more than ever convinced that

some Japanese lanterns, a mound of



People to Buy Also.

in lower Broadway at noon a well dressed young man stopped in front of a sidewalk merchant selling toy airmachine right away, but insisted upon having it demonstrated. The faker made sary dime and passed on, still laughing. It go all right, but when the young man Meantime, accompanied by the giggles of tried to do the same thing the aeroplane the girls, two other passersby had started

pleasantly to the nearest man in the business had taken him near the Post group that had collected. "Always was Office might have seen the same well stupid about these things, but I guess dressed young man in the centre of a group of people looking at the racing of little it. Show us again, Bill.

The faker once more set the airship motion after explaining its mechanism. In motor care when trade was slack. Looking three trials, and at last started the ing down at the tiny cars the stranger made a remark or two to the effect that the yellow looked to him better than the red, at any rate if the owner would set them going he'd buy the best.

The was good sized, for the young man are many remarked casually to a benevhe faker once more set the airship casually approached the assembly of tin he well dressed young man made two ing down at the tiny cars the stranger time was good sized, for the young man was plainly not of the ordinary class of young man remarked casually to a benev-

"Let's use one of those friend " he said.

Mighty funny." He put a rat on his finger and good New and Profitable Business Thought Out | an air of freedom and yet perfectly proper by the Capper at Large for the Curb New York street camaraderie he thrust

> "Ain't you fresh!" she said. "That settles it friend," returned the

to invest in the comical rats. Fifteen minutes later any one whose

mobiles. The young man had quite

raphers, a policeman and several West-question.

sights downtown all stopped suddenly, halted by a contagious peal of laughter from the well dressed young man. "Ha, ha!" he roared. "Ha, ha!"

On the sidewalk a little hear of metal He put a rat on his finger and good naturedly jerked it in the face of an errand boy, who exploded with joy. Then with an air of freedom and yet perfectly proper New York street camaraderie he thrust.

New York street camaraderie he thrust a semi-circle of admiring persons.

As soon as he was over his paroxyam of laughter the young man took one and jumped back.

"Ain't you fresh!" she said. odded good-by.
"You must be very fond of that boy

young man to the faker amid the general laugh. "Sure I want one."

He dug down in his pocket for the necessary dime and passed on, still laughing.

To follow the fortunes of the well dressed young man through the afternoon would be but to recite like incidents. of his progress. He covered the chief thoroughtares of the city between the Battery and Fourteenth street, always with an air of unconcern, yet mildly in-terested and observing whenever he drew

near a faker.

Sometimes he passed with a slightly borsed air; again he would show keen enthusiasm, and after taking some time about it always make a purchase. Wherever he stopped he unfailingly managed to draw a crowd, and moreover a crowd opening that bought.

ung man had originated the profession

first and then the taik.

"I'm constantly trying new ways of attracting the crowd. I dress so people will notice me; I talk so they'll follow my eaxmple Roughly I calculate that whenever I stop and make a purchase from a street faker at least five new customers will follow me in quick succession. I size up the people passing and talk off a patter that will bring them. I find I can do much better than I did even a month ago.

"As I expected, the fakers welcome me.
They do not pay me a salary or commission. I have a peculiar arrangement with them that works admirably.

"I am in business for myself. I buy toys, or whatever each faker is selling, all day long. I buy them at the price asked and I pay on the spot in cash. The way I make my money is that late that afternoon or the next morning the faker comes to me at a little headquarbers if have and buys back what I have bought from him at double the price.

"I never see a faker more than three times in one day. Twice a day I go home and put on different clothes. A good deal of the trick lies in looking differently, but I always make up to seem like a well to do young business man. That's the kind of capper these sidewalk fellows have inever had before.

"Suppose any one of them didn't come to me and buy back the stuff at double what I paid? Very well, I wouldn't lose much and the fakir would lose a lot. I'd simply stop booming his trade for him. They know that, and not a man has ever failed in his part of the deal.

"Start the ball rolling. That's the essence of the thing. I really wonder nobody has ever thought of it before. But it needs a natural born salesman to carry it off, a man with a peculiar personality and dash.

"One thing you'd notice if you'd follow

a feeling of pride would not consider being a capper, even a capper on a whole-stell scale, as I am. Any number of men had rather exist on \$20 a week made at way he stopped and ps inted scross the street. Then the majority of men would not have and could not get the trim appearance I have and have not the ready, quick kind. The secret is in the appearance first and then the talk.

"I'm constantly trying new ways of attracting the crowd. I dress so people will notice me, I talk so they'll follow my eaxmple Roughly I calculate that whenthe trick and surprise to the

the trick and surprise to the victim.

Come over with me a moment and I'll show you how it's done."

The well dressed young man hurried over to the man who was selling the bird as if he had just that moment got sight of him. Inside of three minutes half a dozen people had stopped and were watching him.

The faker explained t'4e trick bird to him. He immediately tested its possibilities by blowing with all his might and getting his face well spattered with water. Then he expressed great delight and bought one, walking away laughing merrily. He attempted to play the trick on the man with whom he had been talking and then continued his conversation.

"You'll see that there are half a dozen people who've bought since I did," he remarked. "That is always the way."

## HORSEHEADS.

Origin of a New York Village's Name Which It is Proposed to Change. The village of Horseheads, N. Y., is

again agitating the question of changing its name to North Elmira. The matter has been brought before the public from time to time for several years, but so far the old name has been retained.

One result of the present discu has been an inquiry as to how the village obtained its same. The story generally accepted is that in 1779, when Gen. Sullivan was returning from a campaign against the Indians in Genesce county, he stopped here to rest his troops. surrounding country was covered with dense forest and he was thickly beset with his enemies, so he determined to shorten his march by descending the Chemung River on rafts. As the depth and supplies be destroyed and that all feeble or superfluous horses be killed.

As soon as the troops had departed the wolves came forth from the forest and picked the bones clean. When the

gain to the country of their adoption, but a loss to their native land.

"This new tendency toward a better "Not only are the majority of "Not only are the

The party now in charge of Dr. Gray is going out under the auspices of the Public Schools Immigration League, a body formed only last year, but already in active operation under a committee consisting of the headmasters of Eton, Westminster, Mill Hill and Bradfield. The league, which will be sending out public achoolboys this coming summer to British colonies, has framed simple to British colonies, has framed simple conditions, which apply to each case.

"Thus the boy who elects to become one of these 'first class emigranta' will go out without money and be placed by a member of a local committee with a farmer who understands a lad of gentle-birth and good education. The boy will then have to work like a laborer until his practical training qualifies him for admission to an agricultural college. When at work he will receive the usual

wages and board and lodging.

"Each boy must have a certificate of fitness signed by his headmaster, showing that he has been industrious at achool and possesses a good moral character.

A rule of the league provides that no get him to come along when he is sebat get him to come along when he is sebat.

This new tendency toward a better class of emigrant has just received a striking illustration by the migration of a party of a dozen public school boys now travelling under Dr. Gray, head master of Bradfield College, to Canada, there to learn farming and there in due course to take up farms of their own.

They are going to Dr. Gray's ranch near Calgary, Alberta, and will there have a season of practical farming, going in the winter to an agricultural college for technical training and farming science.

After another summer's work on the ranch and probably another winter course of studies at the college it is expected that they will be in a position to start farming for themselves and on their own land.

This is a class of emigrant that any country would welcome with open arms; and although we have not a word to say against either the scheme or the acquisition by our most thriving and vigorous colony of this potential wealth in blood and money we cannot but feel a vague discontent with the conditions which have rendared mecosaary or desirable this loss to the motherland of this body of bold young Englishmen.

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A friend of mine who was once Count Clerk of Des Moines, Iowa, told me of with a woman who made numerous calls upon him in company with a man who was